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SUBJECT: EAST BERLIN WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL

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1. SUMMARY: AT THE BONN GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 18, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT PRESENTED ITS EVALUATION OF THE EAST BERLIN WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL (JULY 28- AUGUST 5) AND GERMAN REASONING IN SUPPORT OF THE PARTICIPATION OF GERMAN YOUTH GROUPS AT THE FESTIVAL. ACTION REQUESTED: US GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AND REACTION. END SUMMARY

2. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT DRAFT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE POSITION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE TENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN EAST BERLIN FOLLOWS.

3. " FROM JULY 28- AUGUST 5, 1973, THE TENTH WORLD FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN EAST BERLIN. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW THIS GREAT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EVENT WITH ATTENTION.

4. " THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ALSO THIS FESTIVAL IS ONE-SIDED AND IDEOLOGICALLY DIRECTED. THE FESTIVAL IN EAST BERLIN, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY BE VISITED TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN WERE EARLIER WORLD YOUTH FESTIVALS BY NONCOMMUNIST YOUTH GROUPS, NOT THE LEAST FROM THE THIRD

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WORLD. REPRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO COMMUNIST OR LEFT RADICAL ORIENTED GROUPS ALONE. THEREFORE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDS AS REALISTIC THE DECISION OF A LARGE PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVAL AND USE THIS CHANCE TO PRESENT DEMOCRATIC YOUTH.

5. " THE DECISION TO TAKE PART IS THAT OF THE YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS TAKEN ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY.

6. " THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GREETES EVERY ACTIVITY WHICH SERVES TO GIVE VISITORS TO THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL AN OBJECTIVE PICTURE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WELCOMES ESPECIALLY THE PLANS OF THE FEDERAL YOUTH COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT FOR CHOSEN VISITORS FROM THE THIRD WORLD A FACT- ORIENTED PROGRAM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FESTIVAL ABOUT YOUTH WORK IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT SUCH PROGRAMS IN MODERATE LIMITS.

7. " ALL NECESSARY PREPARATORY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INSURE A FRICTIONLESS VISIT OF AS MANY FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS TO WEST BERLIN AS POSSIBLE AND THEIR ACCOMPANIMENT BY DEMOCRATIC YOUTH GROUPS.

8. " THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT MAKE DIRECT SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPATION. RECOGNIZED YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE FREE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MONIES MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETINGS, TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR MEMBERS AT THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, KEEPING IN MIND THE CONDITIONS SET BY THE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS COVERING AREAS OVER WHICH THEY CAN TAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY."

9. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED COMMENTS AND REACTIONS.
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